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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PORG, PGOV, CY  
SUBJECT: GOC COUNTERPROPOSAL ON VAROSHA

REF: A) STATE 186944, B) NICOSIA 1836 (NOTAL), C) USUN 2996

1. SUMMARY: UN SECRETARIAT OFFICER SHERRY TOLD MISOFF  
JULY 25 HE THOUGHT FACT PROPOSALS FROM BOTH SIDES ON  
VAROSHA NOW ON TABLE OFFERED HOPE THAT SOME PROGRESS  
MIGHT BE POSSIBLE TOWARD NEGOTIATIONS. WHILE RECOGNIZING  
DIFFERENCES BETWEEN TWO PROPOSALS AND NEED FOR CLARIFICA-  
TION OF NUMBER OF POINTS, IT APPEARED THAT DIFFERENCES  
MIGHT BE NEGOTIABLE. HE SAW SOME RELAXATION OF KYPRIANOU  
CONDITIONS FOR RESUMPTION OF TALKS. END SUMMARY.

2. MISOFF GAVE UN SECRETARIAT (SHERRY) COPY OF DEPT  
STATEMENT ON GOC VAROSHA PROPOSAL (REF A) JULY 25  
AND TOOK OCCASION TO OBTAIN HIS REACTION TO NEW SITUATION.  
SHERRY POINTED OUT NUMBER OF DIFFERENCES BETWEEN DENKTASH  
AND GOC PROPOSALS, INCLUDING QUESTION OF AREA INVOLVED,  
(MISOFF TOLD SHERRY OF GOC INDICATION TO EMBASSY NICOSIA  
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THAT ITS PROPOSAL WOULD NOT INCLUDE HISTORICALLY  
TURKISH CYPRIOT PORTION OF CITY), NATURE OF ADMINI-  
STRATION OF CITY (WHO WOULD PARTICIPATE) AND OF UN ROLE,  
TIMING OF RETURN OF RESIDENTS AND BEGINNING OF TALKS.  
MANY POINTS REQUIRED CLARIFICATION, AND IMPORTANT  
DIFFERENCES OBVIOUSLY EXISTED. HOWEVER, HE THOUGHT  
THAT THE VERY FACT GOC HAD MADE A COUNTER-PROPOSAL AND

HAD MOVED FROM TOTALLY NEGATIVE STAND RE NEGOTIATIONS  
COULD BE CONSIDERED SOME SORT OF PROGRESS AND PRESENTED  
POSSIBILITY OF GETTING SOME KIND OF EXCHANGES STARTED  
BETWEEN THE TWO SIDES.

3. SHERRY SURMISED THAT KYPRIANOU PROBABLY FELT COMPELLED  
TO TAKE SOME ACTION IN FACE OF CRITICISM HE HAD  
COME UNDER FOR QUICK REJECTION OF DENKTASH PROPOSAL.  
HE SHARED VIEW OF MISOFF, HOWEVER, THAT THE FACT THERE  
IS SENTIMENT WITHIN GREEK-CYPRIOT COMMUNITY STRONG ENOUGH  
TO PUSH HIM IN THAT DIRECTION WAS GOOD SIGN. HE ALSO  
POINTED OUT THAT KYPRIANOU HAS PREVIOUSLY CALLED FOR  
SUBMISSION OF NEW TURKISH PROPOSALS FOR SOLUTION BASED  
ON FEDERATED STATE ALONG WITH RETURN OF FAMAGUSTA BEFORE  
TALKS COULD BE RESUMED. THIS LATEST PROPOSAL SEEMED TO  
MODIFY THIS STAND IN CONDITIONING OPENING OF NEGOTIATIONS  
ONLY ON ACCEPTANCE AND START OF IMPLEMENTATION OF FAMAGUS-  
TA PROPOSAL. GAPS BETWEEN POSITIONS OF TWO SIDES WERE  
STILL IMPORTANT, BUT HE THOUGHT A NEGOTIATING SITUATION  
WAS NOW A POSSIBILITY.

4. DURING CONVERSATION SHERRY RECEIVED TELEPHONE CALL  
FROM SYG WALDHEIM, TO WHOM SHERRY MADE SOME OF SAME  
POINTS HE HAD MADE TO MISOFF. AFTERWARDS SHERRY SAID  
THAT WALDHEIM SWA SOMEWHAT MORE SCEPTICAL ABOUT POSSIBILI-  
TIES THAN HE, BUT ALSO THOUGHT SITUATION OFFERED  
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POSSIBLE OPENING. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION WHETHER SYG  
LIKELY TO MAKE ANY PUBLIC COMMENT, SHERRY SAID HE  
THOUGHT NOT, THAT IT WOULD BE PREMATURE. HE BELIEVES  
SYG'S PROBABLE COURSE OF ACTION WILL BE TO ASK SPECIAL  
REP GALINDO-POHL TO CONSULT WITH BOTH SIDES. THIS  
MIGHT LEAD TO A "SHUTTLE" BETWEEN THE TWO -  
INDIRECT RATHER THAN DIRECT NEGOTIATIONS. YOUNG

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